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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 11-158—sHB 6639

Judiciary Committee

Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee

**AN ACT CONCERNING ELIGIBILITY FOR THE ACCELERATED
REHABILITATION PROGRAM**

SUMMARY: This act (1) removes the bar on participation in the pretrial accelerated rehabilitation (AR) program for someone adjudged a youthful offender in the past five years and (2) eliminates the court's access to the youthful offender records of someone adjudged a youthful offender more than five years ago, which prior law allowed the court to consider in determining whether to grant participation in AR.

By law and the act, a person must meet the other AR eligibility requirements. Someone is eligible for AR if he or she is charged with certain nonserious crimes or motor vehicle violations, has no prior convictions of a crime or certain motor vehicle violations, and has not used AR before. The court may allow an eligible defendant to participate if it believes the defendant will probably not offend in the future.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2011

BACKGROUND

AR

AR participants waive their right to a speedy trial and agree to a tolling of the statute of limitations. The court places them under the supervision of the Court Support Services Division for up to two years under conditions it orders. If the defendant successfully completes the program, the court dismisses the charges and the record is erased. If the defendant violates a condition of the program, he or she is brought to trial on the original charges.

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